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TAGS: ENRG, CA, US

SUBJECT: US-CANADA CONSULTATIONS ON NATURAL GAS SUPPLIES

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN RELIABLY INFORMED THAT NEB REPORT ON NATURAL GAS SUPPLY AND DEMAND HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND FORWARDED TO EM&R.

2. PREMATURE PUBLICATION OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS REPORT WOULD MAKE MEANINGFUL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOC ON NATURAL GAS SUPPLY ISSUE DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO REITERATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE GOC OUR DESIRE FOR FORMAL CONSULTATIONS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE ON NATURAL GAS SUPPLIES. YOU SHOULD REFER TO RECENT ASSURANCES FROM OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER THAT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL CONSULTATION ON NATURAL GAS SUPPLY MATTERS WOULD BE PROVIDED US.

4. SIMILAR REQUEST WILL BE MADE THROUGH THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. KISSINGER

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